



for the
DREAMER

IF YOUR PURPOSE
NEEDS A PUSH
THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU

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About This E-Book

When I began to face obstacles, roadblocks, and frustrations along the journey of pursuing my dreams, I started writing poems (I am not ashamed!) as a means of processing what I was feeling. In addition to processing my emotions, they also became a means of encouraging myself to keep moving forward.

The poems are organized by concept: **perspective**, **patience**, and **persistence**.

Prayerfully, these words can inspire and encourage you to keep pursuing every purpose for which you've been created in the same way they inspired and encouraged me. Enjoy!

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part one:

PERSPECTIVE

Two Pains

I have come to discover
that with dreaming comes pain.
Two types in particular.
Two kinds I can name.

The first I will name is
THE PAIN OF PURSUING.

It comes shortly after
you find yourself moving.

Moving towards your great dream
will bring this pain on.
In many shapes and sizes
different faces it will don.

Obstacles and Roadblocks.
Criticisms and Fears.
Doubts and Distress.
And many times Tears.

THE PAIN OF PURSUING

is real to my core.

But as much as it hurts,
the second pain aches more.

Two Pains

The second pain is known as
THE PAIN OF NOT DOING

You will feel it inside
when instead of doing, you're viewing.

Watching others pursue
the dreams they possess,
though you desire so much more
instead, you do less.

THE PAIN OF NOT DOING
will leave you empty inside—
untapped talent and potential
a longing to be alive.

In the final analysis
from one of two pains you must choose.
From one, you just may win.
From the other, you're sure to lose.

What I See

I see you not as you are,
but as you will be.
For who you are now
is just a sneak peek.

Only a glimpse of your greatness
is what others view,
but I see the masterpiece
that will one day be you.

Influence and Impact.
Compassion and Love.
Lives blessed by the gifts
given to you from above.

Passions expressed.
Talents revealed.
It is through your great dream
that a part of the world will be healed.

Your purpose fulfilled
it will be a great day.
But as I conclude,
one last thing I must say.

What I See

The beauty I see
will only shine through
if in the depths of your heart
YOU believe in it too.

What Is Your Dream?

What is your dream?
Your purpose and your passion?
From birth it was deposited.
From birth it was within.

What is your dream?
Your greatest heart's desire?
Take time to seek it and receive it—
intentional thought it does require.

What is your dream?
Your burden for our land?
So many changes must take place.
The world is waiting for your hand.

What is your dream?
Your greatest act of service?
You must act here. You must act now.
There's no time to be nervous.

What is your dream?
Will you make a move and pursue?
Or will you one day see another living it out
and wish that it was you?

If You Only Knew

If you only knew
of your purpose inside
you would decide on this day
you would no longer hide.

If you only knew
of your destiny within
you would make a commitment
to get rid of that sin.

If you only knew
of your assignment from birth
you would never neglect
to embrace your self-worth.

If you only knew
the true value of you
your world would be changed.
If you only knew...

Joy in the Journey

Have you ever felt the tension between who you are today and who you'd like to be?

Have you ever been discouraged by the progress that you've made and the progress you'd like to see?

I know the frustration.
I'm familiar with the stress.
I wish I had much more,
but instead, I have much less.

So how do I fight through
when all I see is lack?
How do I stay focused,
and keep myself on track?

I FIND JOY IN THE JOURNEY.

Joy in the Journey

The lessons. The experiences.
The people along the way.
The successes. The victories.
The triumphs of each day.

Even through the difficulty
it's gratitude I choose to feel.
Because after each season of suffering
a refined character I will reveal.

Embrace the present and seize the
moment—
to these two things I vow.
For not another day will I be blind
to the joys that surround me *now*.

Two Doors

There are two types of doors.
I'd like you to know.
Two types you'll encounter
on the road as you go.

The first is the kind
you must *push* to get through.
With this type of door
the main character is you.

You have to work.
You have to fight.
To get through this door
you must use all *your* might.

Though there is some relief
when you finally get in.
The main problem is
with the tension within.

Was this a door
that I was to open?
Because if it was
why do I feel broken?

Two Doors

It's almost as if
it wasn't meant to be.
There's no calm. There's no peace.
On the inside of me.

But the second type of door,
it's totally different.
When you see it you'll know.
You'll know in an instant.

Instead of your will.
Instead of determination.
This type of door
is marked by *invitation*.

Invitation to come.
Invitation to be a part.
Invitation to join.
Invitation to start.

When you walk through *this* door
it doesn't feel forced.
But instead it feels like
by *God* it's endorsed!

Two Doors

These are the doors
you should wait patiently for.

They are the doors
when they open—don't ignore.

So why do I explain
these two doors that exist?

Because I must challenge
how you proceed and persist.

It's not that I think
your hard work isn't okay.
I'd just like you to consider.

IS GOD PAVING THE WAY?

Know This

Though your dreams are important.
Though your purpose is key.
Real life can only be found
in the presence of He.

For apart from Christ's love
No real fruit will you bear.
Of this timeless truth
I hope you're aware.



part two:

PATIENCE

Wait

Your desired results
have yet to come,
but don't fret
it's not that they're late.

Sometimes the delay
is only a sign
that for know
you just have to wait.

Patience

How long will it take
till I finally see
the one in the mirror
who I dream to be?

How long will it take
before others know
my value within?
When will it show?

There's a gift that I have
that I wish to share,
but why does it seem
like there's no one aware?

Delay. Disappointment.
Frustration and Doubt.
So overwhelming.
Is there no shorter route?

HAVE PATIENCE WITH YOUR PROCESS.

Patience

The delays you despise
each have a reason.
If you see them all through
you'll experience your season.

The time will soon come—
your contribution on display.
But a process comes first.
There's no other way.

For premature success
has been the downfall of many.
But if you can wait
you'll find yourself ready.

Like a baby who develops
nine months before birth,
your patience will produce
an invaluable worth.

Compensation is Coming

For many years now
your art has been free.
But in this short poem,
A future hope you must see.

Because you've been faithful
there will soon come a day
when the gift that you give
will require much pay!



part three:

PERSISTENCE

Endure

The dream you have dreamt
will come to pass,
but first you must prove
through the hardship you'll last.

For every great dream
is partnered by strife.
Aren't you aware?
Without pain, there is no new life.

One Step

The dream I have within
is many miles away.
My goal is in the distance.
How far? I cannot say.

But of one thing I'm sure:
in time I'll find my way.
As long as I'm committed
to take one step each day.

A Very Important Choice

Along your dream journey
you will experience that day
when a hardship arrives
to cause much delay.

It will force you to doubt.
It will take away joy.
To stop you from dreaming
is its' primary ploy.

But what you must know
is that your reaction is key.
For how you respond
your dream longs to see.

Will you crack? Will you complain?
Will you fold? Will you quit?
Or will you push through
and to your dream, recommit?

A Very Important Choice

The decision will be hard.
Trials aren't easy to endure.
But in closing you must know
Of this one thing I am sure:

When you decide to move forward,
from the adversity you'll survive,
and your dream will rejoice
because you kept it alive.

The Faithfulness of the Few

There's a call that's on your life,
a specific purpose why you were made.

You have a reason for living.
You have a destiny not meant to fade.

Your dream it is within you.
You were created for it just right.
Your purpose will become a reality,
but you have to be willing to fight.

Fight through your feelings—you must.
For when your calling is made known,
it won't be long, the time will soon come,
when you'll start to feel alone.

Will anyone help me?
Will it ever be completed?
Will there be enough money?
Or will I just end up defeated?

I do not have these answers,
but there is one thing that I know—
when one is absolutely faithful to their call
provision and strength always seem to show.

The Faithfulness of the Few

I call this faithfulness:

THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE FEW

Because the past has clearly shown,
only a few will make it through.

Make it through doubts. Make it through fears.

Not many will do it.

Most cannot fulfill what they were created to do.

They will not press on. They will not stick to it.

Those who stay faithful, faithful through it all,
there will only be a few.

So in closing I kindly ask,
will one of the few be you?



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